



HURST PUBLIC LIBRARY ACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR POLICY

This Library is supported by the tax dollars of the citizens of Hurst who have a right to a clean, pleasant, and safe place.

This Library should be a place to engage in appropriate library activities: reading or studying, choosing books or other library materials to check out, using electronic resources, or copy machines, attending library programs, or to request reference or reader's advisory assistance from library staff.

No library visitor should create problems for other library users or himself.

THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF BEHAVIOR ARE UNACCEPTABLE AND INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE LIBRARY'S GOAL OF PROVIDING A PLEASANT AND SAFE ENVIRONMENT

- Abuse or vandalism of library materials, equipment, or facilities including grounds and parking lots
- Disorderly conduct or disruptive behavior
- Harassment - Physical, sexual, or verbal abuse of other library users or of library staff
- Drinking or eating inside the building other than in designated spaces
- Possession of Alcohol or Intoxication
- Smoking or use of tobacco products in the building (City Ordinance)
- Exhibitionism or flashing
- Making sounds or using devices such as cell phones, CD players, MP3 players, PDA's, or laptop computers in a manner that is considered loud or disruptive by Library staff
- Loud talking or shouting
- Voyeurism
- Soliciting
- Sleeping in public
- Bringing any animals other than service animals into the Library facility
- Moving, altering, rearranging, or otherwise using furniture or equipment for other than its intended purpose without staff authorization
- Using or parking wheeled recreational devices such as skateboards, shoes with wheels, roller skates, roller blades, bicycles, and scooters in or on Library property except in designated areas
- Entering the building without a shirt or other covering on the upper body or without shoes or other footwear
- Engaging in any activity or hygienic practice that disturbs normal activities or the environment for other users and City staff
- Refusal to comply with Library policies and procedures

The Library reserves the right to provide programming that may temporarily create exceptions to these policies.

VISITORS VIOLATING THESE POLICIES MAY BE ESCORTED FROM THE LIBRARY BY

**THE HURST POLICE AND/OR LOSE THEIR LIBRARY PRIVILEGES
HURST PUBLIC LIBRARY UNATTENDED CHILDREN POLICY**

To ensure that the Library is a safe and pleasant place for patrons of all ages, the Library has adopted the following policy:

- Children (under the age of 9) must be supervised by an adult or a teenager
- Library staff cannot supervise or ensure the safety of unattended children
- Children must abide by the same rules of behavior that apply to all patrons
- Just as any other patron, children persisting in disruptive behavior will be asked to leave the library
- Please note library hours and do not leave children of any age unclaimed or unattended at closing time

The Hurst police will be called to handle any children left unattended when the library closes.